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**VORTEX 510(k) Submission  
510(k) Summary**

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**Device Name**

Common Name: Holding Chamber/Spacer  
Proprietary Name: Vortex®  
Classification Name: Nebulizer (Direct Patient Interface)

**Legally Marketed Predicate Device**

Aerochamber  
Monaghan Medical (and/or Trudell Medical)  
Plattsburgh, NY

K992917; K930574; K900576; K900557; K884803; K872037; K822437

**Device Description**

Vortex is a new spacer/holding chamber designed to assist patients using metered dose inhalers (MDI) for aerosolized drug delivery. Vortex may provide enhanced drug delivery, ease of use and ability to clean/disinfect the device.

Vortex is a reusable device consisting of an aluminum cylinder with an elastomeric fitting on one end to accept metered dose inhalers and a valved mouthpiece on the other end to interface with the patient. The elastomeric fitting may be removed for cleaning and/or replacement.

Vortex will be available as a stand-alone item and will also be available packaged with a mask.

**Intended Use**

Vortex is indicated for use as a spacer/valved holding chamber for use in delivery of aerosol medication with metered dose inhalers.

**Technological Characteristics Compared to Predicate Device**

Vortex and Aerochamber are both valved holding chambers used to aid in the delivery of MDI medications. Both products include a cylindrical chamber to allow the MDI drug plume to expand prior to inhalation by the patient. In addition, both make use of inhalation and exhalation valves to reduce coordination related problems with MDI actuation.

Vortex and Aerochamber make use of thermoplastic components and elastomeric valves and MDI adapters. However, Vortex makes use of a non-electrostatic (anodized aluminum) cylinder to reduce the likelihood of drug deposition on the cylinder.

**Non-clinical Test Summary**

Testing to compare Vortex to Aerochamber was conducted. Characteristics evaluated include:

- Drug delivery (per FDA guidance): Respirable drug delivered through Vortex is comparable to or greater than Aerochamber.
- Fit with MDI elbows: Vortex fit all MDI elbows evaluated.

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- Inhalation and exhalation resistance: Inhalation and exhalation resistance for Vortex is comparable to or less than Aerochamber. All results are less than 250 pascal at 30 lpm flow.

### **Clinical Performance Summary**

Clinical testing was not completed/is not required to show substantial equivalence.

### **Conclusions from Testing**

Vortex performance is comparable to Aerochamber for all items tested.



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Pari Innovative Manufacturers, Inc..  
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Re: K020944  
Vortex Valved Holding Chamber  
Regulation Number: 868.5630  
Regulation Name: Nebulizer  
Regulatory Class: II (two)  
Product Code: 73 CAF  
Dated: April 24, 2002  
Received: April 25, 2002

Dear Mr. Mosenkis:

This letter corrects our substantially equivalent letter of May 9, 2002 regarding the indications for use of your device. Our letter incorrectly limited your device to use in military environments.

We have reviewed your Section 510(k) premarket notification of intent to market the device referenced above and have determined the device is substantially equivalent to legally marketed predicate devices marketed in interstate commerce prior to May 28, 1976, the enactment date of the Medical Device Amendments or to devices that have been reclassified in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (Act). You may, therefore, market the device, subject to the general controls provisions of the Act. The general controls provisions of the Act include requirements for annual registration, listing of devices, good manufacturing practice, labeling, and prohibitions against misbranding and adulteration.

If your device is classified (see above) into either class II (Special Controls) or class III (PMA), it may be subject to additional controls. Existing major regulations affecting your

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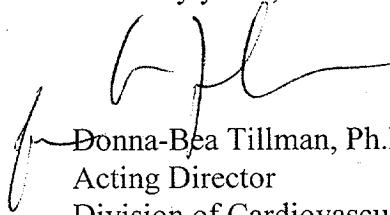
device can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 21, Parts 800 to 898. In addition, FDA may publish further announcements concerning your device in the Federal Register.

Please be advised that FDA's issuance of a substantial equivalence determination does not mean that FDA has made a determination that your device complies with other requirements of the Act or any Federal statutes and regulations administered by other Federal agencies. You must comply with all the Act's requirements, including, but not limited to: registration and listing (21 CFR Part 807); labeling (21 CFR Part 801); good manufacturing practice requirements as set forth in the quality systems (QS) regulation (21 CFR Part 820); and if applicable, the electronic product radiation control provisions (sections 531-542 of the Act); 21 CFR 1000-1050.

This letter will allow you to continue marketing your device as described in your Section 510(k) premarket notification. The FDA finding of substantial equivalence of your device to a legally marketed predicate device results in a classification for your device and thus, permits your device to proceed to the market.

If you desire specific advice for your device on our labeling regulation (21 CFR Part 801 and additionally Part 809.10 for in vitro diagnostic devices), please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4646. Additionally, for questions on the promotion and advertising of your device, please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4639. Other general information on your responsibilities under the Act may be obtained from the Division of Small Manufacturers, International and Consumer Assistance at their toll free number (800) 638-2041 or at (301) 443-6597 or at its Internet address <http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/dsma/dsmamain.html>.

Sincerely yours,



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and Respiratory Devices  
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**VORTEX 510(k) Submission****Intended Use**510(k) Number (if known): K020944Device Name: Vortex™ Valved Holding Chamber**Indications for Use:**

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**(PLEASE DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE- CONTINUE ON ANOTHER PAGE IF NEEDED)**

Concurrence of CDRH, Office of Device Evaluation (ODE)

Prescription Use X  
(per 21 CFR 801.109)

OR

Over-the-Counter Use \_\_\_\_\_

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